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1. [] Met with Ed Braswell, and John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who said that Senator Fulbright and Carl Marcy, of Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, had indicated orally to Senator Stennis that they had no objection to Stennis' reported revision of Section 405(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act, limiting the State Department's reporting responsibilities on foreign activities to matters within the jurisdiction of the appropriate committees. Goldsmith and Braswell further indicated that they hoped to get an amendment which would knock out Section 513 of the bill, requiring congressional authorization to finance military operations in Southeast Asia.

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2. [] Accompanied the Agency Senior Seminar class who lunched in the Speaker's Dining Room with Representative William E. Minshall who spoke to them of the problems of the Congress and the Appropriations Committee and answered a number of questions. He was especially complimentary regarding the Agency and complimented the Agency on its tight budget and personnel structure and professional competence. He expressed concern, however, over what he referred to as the \$3 billion plus intelligence budget of the military and strong skepticism regarding the effectiveness of a number of military intelligence operations.

Mr. Darrell St. Claire addressed the Senior Seminar on the main issues and attitudes within the Senate, and the current state of relations between the Executive and Legislative as viewed from the perspective of the Senate in general and the Foreign Relations Committee in particular. Like Minshall, he said the Agency has an excellent image on the Hill.

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3. [] Reminded Art Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, that I was awaiting a call from Carl Marcy as to when he would like to discuss Senator Fulbright's letter to the Director requesting NIE's on Southeast Asia. Kuhl said he would pass this reminder on to Marcy at the first opportunity.

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10. [] Received a call from Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) and his Deputy, General James Lawrence, inquiring as to what action we were taking with respect to possible amendments to the Foreign Assistance bill as it was reported by the Foreign Relations Committee. I told them we had problems with a number of sections of the bill which were basic policy decision matters within the Administration and which we understood either Defense or State Department were "bird dogging." (I reviewed briefly with them the specific sections which gave us trouble as indicated in our spread sheet.) I added, however, that to avoid becoming involved in these policy matters and running up the backs of DOD and State in their efforts, we were restricting our work to the provisions of Section 405(b) of the bill concerning the responsibility of the State Department and other departments and agencies in providing the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees with information. I told them of my meetings with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and Senator Stennis' agreement to introduce the amendment which we had suggested. They felt that our proposal would satisfy everyone's requirements quite satisfactorily.

General Lawrence mentioned that a meeting had been called in Clark MacGregor's office for 9:30 this morning and asked if we would be attending. I told him we had received word the LIG meeting had been canceled and had not been asked to attend any other meetings in the White House today.

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11. [] Accompanied Messrs. [] and [] of OCI, to a briefing of Dorothy Fosdick and Charles Horner, of the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, on the situation in India and Pakistan. The meeting went well and seemed to satisfy their requirements completely.

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